

OSCAR BLAUD, CONGRESSMAN, LAUDS YANKS

Returns from Front with Tales of Heroism of U. S. Men.

Carrying a message of death, impetuosity and eagerness with which American soldiers are fighting, Representative Oscar Bland returned to Washington last Saturday night after spending a month with a party of Congressmen witnessing the beginning of the present offensive. He spoke last night at the George Washington Inn.

"I never heard a whisper of a complaint from even one American soldier as they poured into the hospitals behind the lines. I spoke to one poor fellow, shot in the back, perhaps mortally wounded, about his long wait for attention. 'Oh, they'll get to me, bye and bye,' he said," while probably he was staring death in the face, "you see, we were not quite prepared for such a rush." The hospitals are crowded.

"While our boys are silent about such little things as being wounded, they let our ears about the food, or about the fighting not going fast enough.

Troops Impetuous.

"The fighting spirit, the impetuosity of our troops have entirely surprised the German. He is astonished, humiliated and scared to death."

The Representative commented upon the organizations in France that were doing welfare work. Of the Y. M. C. A. he declared he heard repeated reports of profiteering, of charging high prices for the small luxuries they sold. One soldier complained, said Representative Bland, that he paid a canteen of the Y. M. C. A. twenty-five cents for a package of cigarettes that he could have obtained in the commissary for eight cents. Another report common among the soldiers, declared the speaker, was that the Y. M. C. A. sold things that were donated to them, such as cakes baked by the mothers at home.

Another rumor that was causing dissatisfaction among the boys, Representative Bland said, was that persons employed by the Y. M. C. A. used the automobiles supplied them for joy rides, little runs to the coast resorts in Southern France.

Salvation Army Women Angels.

"I carried these reports," said Representative Bland, "to Gen. Pershing, and he confessed that he was at a loss about what to do. He said that he had heard the same reports frequently. For a while, he said, he thought of taking the canteen work out of their hands entirely.

"But just before we left he issued

an order that nothing was to be sold in the canteens, unless it was purchased from the American Commissary Department, and sold at prices."

The Salvation Army women, the Representative characterized as angels. They have made a name for themselves in this war he declared with their hot coffee and doughnuts in the front line trenches.

He also praised the bravery of the Y. M. C. A. staffs in going into the thick of battle.

Many American men were marrying French girls, he said.

AVERT STRIKE IN THEATERS IN DEEP QUIET

U. S. Labor Board Affects Compromise; 8 Houses Are Affected.

Washingtonians did not know until yesterday how nearly they came to finding Washington theaters dark on Saturday night and closed on Sunday. A strike was averted late Saturday afternoon by a compromise of a 40 per cent increase in salary for all theater employees. The Department of Labor served as intermediary.

Last Thursday the stage employees of the nine theaters requested an increase averaging 50 per cent of their salaries because of the high cost of living. Some of the increases asked amounted to 80 per cent.

Unless the increases were granted with certain improvements in the working conditions the employees declared that they would strike on Saturday night.

A letter dated August 7 was received August 9 by the Labor Department requesting that they act as mediators.

Mahoney Affects Compromise.

Rowland B. Mahoney, United States Commissioner of Conciliation, thereupon held a conference at the Department of Labor with the managers and the representatives of the stage employees, the International Body and the committee representing the local union at Keith's in the afternoon. The meeting lasted from 2 o'clock until 6.

A basis of agreement was reached and each side agreed to abide by the award the Federal mediator might make.

The increase of 40 per cent was a flat award affecting all compensation for work whether permanent or temporary.

Yesterday the managers and the representatives of the union met again in Keith's and signed the agreement which averted the strike. This agreement will preserve harmony from August 1, 1918 for one year.

The theaters affected were the Belasco, Keith's, Polla, National, Casino, Gaiety, Cosmos, Follies.

MADAME FOCH THANKS U. S. FOR WAR AID

Sends Lafayette Fund Officers Message of Deep Appreciation.

New York, Aug. 12.—Profound gratitude to America, belief in speedy victory for the allied arms and a strong appeal for continued and increased assistance from America for French widows and children, are contained in a cable message to the American people received today from Mme. Le Maréchal Foch, wife of the allied generalissimo. The message was transmitted through John Moffatt, executive chairman of the French Heroes' La Fayette Memorial Fund, incorporated.

Mme. Foch said:

"I do not know how sufficiently to express to you my profound gratitude for your generous donation. This magnificent gift has been received with the greatest appreciation and will be invaluable for the continuance of our relief to the widows and orphans of this great war who are, alas, so numerous and whose number increases daily."

The gift referred to was a considerable sum of money raised by the Lafayette fund of which Mrs. William Astor Chanler is president, for the fund for refugees of which Mme. Foch is the head. The message continued:

American Generosity.

"Thanks to American generosity which increases the aid which France gives to these victims and which she considers as a duty, much suffering has been relieved and the widows of our heroic defenders understand that they are not abandoned."

"The task remains, however, very heavy, and the different phases and changes of the war continually involve fresh burdens, this year especially."

"The help which must be given to these widows, refugees for the second time, the sending of children out of Paris on account of bombardments, the creation for this purpose of vacation colonies and similar responsibilities which must be faced, makes us too happy when such help as yours permits us to look to the future with a new confidence."

"What a debt of gratitude binds us to the noble American nation, which has for a long time brought its aid to the relief of our victims of war and which now gives us the best of its blood and pours it out on the battlefields in the fight against the common enemy. Such magnificent solidarity can only shortly be rewarded by victory."

SHALL WOMEN JOIN? BANK CLERKS QUERY

Whether women shall be admitted to membership in the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Banking will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the chapter at 1214 F street. This is the first time the subject has been brought up. It is only recently that women have been employed in the banks of the District. Plans for the annual excursion to Marshall Hall on August 25, will be considered.

CONDITIONS IN HOTELS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Waiters' Working Conditions Believed Unsanitary by Rep. Cary.

Sanitary conditions of Washington's hotels and lunchrooms are to be investigated by Congress under a resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Cary, of Missouri. The resolution was referred to the District Committee.

Members of the Waiters' Union, of Washington, of which A. L. Sterne is organizer, believing that deplorable and unhealthful conditions under which the waiters are said to be obliged to work, are unnecessary, have sponsored the movement unanimously.

Conditions, they say, have been protested against many times in certain hotels, but no relief has been afforded.

Uncleanliness and cramped space for changes of clothing for employees are charged in some of Washington's leading hotels. Many disclosures starting to the Washington public are slated for the investigation, it is said.

AUTO MAKERS IN PANIC.

Threatened with being put out of business by concentration on war work, the members of the National Automobile Dealers' Association, through many telegrams, have persuaded the War Industries Board to grant a hearing before enforcing the recently announced suggestion that automobile manufacturers convert their factories to one hundred per cent war work by January 1, 1919. The hearing will convene Friday.

FIRST WOMAN SECRETARY IN CABINET LORE

Mrs. Thomas Stewart Sets Precedent As Secretary to Redfield.

For the first time in history a woman has been appointed private secretary of a Cabinet officer. Mrs. Thomas G. Stewart, 35, is the woman whose appointment has set a precedent, and Secretary of Commerce Redfield is the Cabinet officer who appointed her as his private secretary.

Announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Stewart was made yesterday by Secretary Redfield. Mrs. Stewart held the position of stenographer to Secretary Redfield when he was in Congress and has been his confidential clerk since his entrance into the Cabinet, March 4, 1913.

"Of course my new appointment came as a surprise," said Mrs. Stewart, "but there will be no radical change in the character of my work, since I have been working along similar lines for the last five years."

Mrs. Stewart expressed surprise when she was told that she was the first woman to hold such a position, and said, "It is just one more example of work being done by women which used to be exclusive for men."

Born in Sandefjord, Norway, Mrs. Stewart came to this country with her parents as a child of nine. Her maiden name, Agatha Olsen, proclaimed her Norwegian birth. But she has been a citizen of the United States for many years for her father was naturalized twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Stewart attended the public schools of Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., and was later a stenographer in New York City.

Mrs. Stewart's husband is also in the government service. He is in the Internal Revenue Department and has been transferred to New York for the past nine months.

SOVIETS MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO KRONSTADT

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Clearly the development President Wilson has sought to bring about.

The concern which the German government is exhibiting over the new situation is shown by the following diplomatic report received here through French sources:

"The Bolsheviks' rule is causing consternation among the Germans. The affairs of Germany are going on almost as badly in Russia as on the Western front. Revolution is raging at Moscow and the government at Berlin has been obliged to transfer to Pskoff the German diplomatic mission to Russia."

The Berlin Vorwaerts says through its correspondent that the government which will succeed the Maximalists will be more or less unfavorable towards Germany. It is to be feared that the first act of the Social revolutionaries will be to denounce the Brest-Litovsk treaty. If Germany does not intervene the greater part of Russia will fall under the entente. If she intervenes she will be acknowledging that the treaty of Brest-Litovsk is a miserable piece of fiction and that the eastern problems may again be questioned."

Aims of New Government.

The aims of the new Russian government, as stipulated in the long proclamation received here from Archangel follow:

1. The re-establishment of a single all-Russian government by co-operation between that and all other territories; also the re-establishment of local self-government in the north.
2. Defense of the North and the entire nation against insolent onslaughts against Russian territory, its independence and inhabitants, made by Germany, Finland and other enemy countries.
3. Reunion to Russia of the lost districts in accordance with the desires of the inhabitants thereof.
4. The re-establishment of crushed liberties and the re-establishment of a true organ of popular government, namely the Constituent Assembly, the Zemstvos and the city dumas.
5. The re-establishment of firm administration of justice, assuring citizens satisfaction in economic, social and spiritual need.
6. To guarantee laboring classes that they obtain land they are by right entitled to.
7. The defense of the rights of labor in accordance with economic and political interests of the north and Russia as a whole.
8. To overcome existing famine.

THIRTY-SEVEN SUFFS TAKEN AND RETAKEN

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The police were again hurriedly called out for the second demonstration. Again they and the police went through the same maneuvers, the women were allowed on the monument, Mrs. Lewis advanced to speak, the police closed in, the women were arrested and taken to the station and freed.

One Man Arrested.

Only this time a man was arrested. He had been watching the proceedings, and after it was about over, quietly strolled over to Lafayette statue and sat down. He gave his name as No 1 precinct as Norman Ives, 1715 P street northwest. He was booked on the charge of trespassing on a government reservation contrary to the statutes, the same charge being placed against the women. He is the first man to be arrested on such a charge in Lafayette park, but as the arresting officer said, "Why, I'd just arrested a bunch of women for the same thing and what could I do?"

Despite the fact that thousands of people were walking on the grass and on everything else that could be possibly walked on, the police only arrested one man.

Ives, according to the police, sat down at the foot of the statue of Lafayette, directly in violation of the park regulations. He was charged with the same offense as the suffragists, and deposited \$5 collateral at No. 1 precinct.

Influenza Plague Spreads.

Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—Influenza is causing great havoc in Bavaria, Hesse and Baden, and is assuming alarming proportions in Berlin, according to the latest report in the Munich Neueste Nachrichten.

If you keep boarders classified advertising is a necessity to you. Have you any immediate use for it?

COLUMBUS LODGE TO HAVE SERVICE FLAG

A special meeting of Columbus Lodge of Machinists will be held tomorrow at Naval Lodge Hall for the purpose of receiving a service flag donated by Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 52.

Mrs. Thomas E. Carroll, president of the ladies' organization, will present the flag, which will be received by W. W. Kebler, president of the machinist lodge.

The meeting will be presided over by W. M. Horton, and will conclude with refreshments and dancing. The committee in charge consists of A. M. Whitworth, chairman; J. F. Waterboro, S. Peska, R. W. Turner, C. A. Wisniewski and W. M. Horton.

EVA ROY DEATH AN UNSOLVED DEEP MYSTERY

Evidence Against Lou Hall Fades to Mere Circumstances.

The mystery of the murder of little Eva Roy grows deeper. The tiny specks of red brown found on the bosom of the shirt worn by Lou Hall, the woodchopper held on suspicion, on the day of the crime are now believed to be either rust or tobacco stains. Examination convinced the authorities they are not blood.

The strands of what appeared to be hair caught on a willow twig near the scene of the crime have been discovered to be bits of wood fiber from the inner bark of the twig.

It is seven days since the little girl was murdered in the lonely wood near Burke Station, Va., and the identity of her murderer remains as great a mystery as on the day of the crime. On the hilltop overlooking the spring a deserted house, declared by the

people of the locality to be haunted. If the theory that the child was slain by an escaping negro prisoner is true, it is probable that the man watched the child eating her lunch from the windows of the crumbling building. Avoided by the inhabitants of the vicinity because of its sinister history, and hidden in the heart of the deep woods, a man could have hidden there for days.

Lou Hall, the woodchopper of the neighborhood, is held on suspicion, but the evidence against him is only circumstantial.

The attorney for Hall, Walter T. Oliver, declared yesterday that he believed Hall would never even be indicted.

"The man is innocent," Oliver declared, "and the Commonwealth has been unable to discover the slightest indications to the contrary."

George Wise Proves He's 'Wise' by Running Away

Poteau, Okla.—George Wise was "wise," and when Deputy Sheriff Mayberry raided a still on the Wise farm, four miles north of Westville, George showed his wisdom by "beating it." He has not been found. The still was destroyed.

Sheriff Frank Carter added two stills near the McCurtain County line and destroyed a large quantity of liquor, in addition to the stills.

ALL ICE CREAM TO BE CUT OFF FOR ONE WEEK

Food Head Takes Step to Save 600 Tons of Ice. Effective Today.

Last night at 6 o'clock the manufacture of ice cream in Washington stopped and will not be resumed for one week, by order of the local Food Administration. This step will add 600 tons of ice a day to the general supply.

Even with this provision, if the out-of-town supply is cut off entirely there will not be enough ice.

There is at present a serious ice situation in Norfolk, and the supply which Washington has been receiving daily from Winchester, Va., and other Western Virginia cities will be sent to Norfolk for the present.

If the situation warrants it, ice will be cut off from all less essential consumption in order to save the food which has been spoiling in warm ice boxes. This will include the manufacturers of soft drinks and the soda fountain. Unless rigid economy is practiced, these businesses may have their supply cut off entirely.

The order affecting the ice cream manufacturers came as the result of a long executive conference of the Food Administration with ice manufacturers, ice dealers and ice cream manufacturers.

May Buy Some Today.

Today it will still be possible to obtain commercial ice cream, since what has been left over from yesterday's production will be on sale, but tomorrow the dearth will be felt. The problem of distribution has been a serious one, but relief is in sight in the form of twenty-five soldiers whom the War Department has promised to supply for work in the ice plants.

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This event far outranks in importance anything of a similar nature ever attempted in the Palais Royal Bargain Basement Garment Section. A little later on it will be impossible to buy these coats at anywhere near these August prices.

By availing yourself of this extraordinary opportunity you will not alone save money, but have the pleasure of choosing from the Newest Fall Models. Any Coat purchased will be held upon small deposit until required. No additional charge whatever for this service.

\$16.95—Egyptian Seal or Cotton Plush. Woven of Egyptian yarn, and has a rich, lustrous finish; has excellent wearing qualities; full 48 inches long; large collar, wide belt and two fancy pockets. Comes in black, navy, brown, green and plum; all sizes to 46. A stylish, warm, practical coat at a very low price. For our August Sale, special, \$16.95.

\$22.95—Egyptian Seal or Cotton Plush. Full 48 inches long; large collar and two patch pockets of soft Kit Coney fur; all-around belt; finished in back with large buckle. Lined with good quality black serge lining. Colors are plush, green, brown, A rich, stunning coat; worth \$35.00 later on. August Sale price, \$22.95.

\$24.75—Fine Quality Peerless Plush Coats. 48 inches long, 85-inch sweep; collar, cuffs, edge of pocket and 16-inch flounce or border around bottom of taupe Kerami. Lined with good quality black serge lining. Sizes to 46. A very stunning coat at \$24.75.

\$27.50—Plush Coats. 48 inches long, 75-inch sweep. Large collar, 5-inch cuff; all-around belt finished in black with butterfly bow and large black buckle. Lined with good quality black serge lining. Special at \$27.50.

\$33.75—Handsome styles in Plush Coats. of extra good quality plush; full 48 inches long. Large square fur collar of Kit Coney; all-around belt, finished in center of back with large buckle. Lined with good quality black lining. August Sale price, \$33.75.

\$34.95—Salt's Esquimette Plush Coats. 48 inches long, cut on good, full lines. Shawl collar and deep cuffs of Chase's Beaver; looks like real fur; all-around belt, with gathers at center of waistline in back. Lined throughout with Sol's guaranteed black satin. Sizes up to 46. This coat will not be sold for less than \$45.00 in October and November. Special Sale price, \$34.95.

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\$12.35—New silk dresses, of satins, crepe de chine, taffetas and silk poplins. Many with Georgette sleeves and in short-waisted models; plain tailored and trimmed styles. Good assortment of colors and sizes.

\$14.65—Rich satin dresses, in black, navy, taupe and brown, with Georgette combination and panel effects. Smart taffeta dresses in box-pleated models with Georgette sleeves; also dainty crepe de chine dresses, in black and colors.

Bargain Basement.

\$2.50 to \$2.75 Middy Suits, \$1.69

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Bargain Basement.

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Early purchases—not to be duplicated at the prices. \$1.98 for White Blankets, 60x76 inches, now worth \$3.00 and likely to be more. \$2.49 for Comforts filled with pure white cotton and covered with Art Silkline, now worth \$3.50 and likely to be more.

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